

**Smart City Grant Application****Report Purpose**

To seek Council approval for an application to the federal government's Smart Cities Grant Challenge.

**Recommendation**

THAT the Strathcona County application to the Federal Smart Cities Challenge Grant, as set out in Enclosure 1 to the April 10, 2018 Information Technology Services report, *Smart City Grant Application*, be approved.

**Council History**

February 13, 2018 – The Priorities Committee was provided with information on the County's application to the Federal Smart Cities Challenge.

**Strategic Plan Priority Areas**

**Economy:** Participating in such programs as the Smart City Challenge is an opportunity to diversify the County's economy.

**Governance:** Smart Communities help support engagement with citizens.

**Social:** Smart Cities offer more opportunities for addressing the diversity of needs in the community.

**Culture:** This opportunity can help to strengthen the community's identity by engaging stakeholders through technology.

**Environment:** n/a

**Other Impacts**

**Policy:** n/a

**Legislative/Legal:** n/a

**Interdepartmental:** Multiple departments across the organization are working on the application.

**Summary**

The Canadian government has issued a municipal challenge called "Smart City Challenge." The applications deadline is April 24, 2018. Finalists will be announced in the summer of 2018 and winners announced in spring 2019.

Administration has created a team comprised of multiple departments to respond to the challenge. The group is supported by an external partner, Deloitte, who has helped several organizations successfully respond to other federal challenges. The prizes available will be one prize of up to \$50 million open to all communities, regardless of population; two prizes of up to \$10 million each to communities with populations under 500,000 people; and one prize of up to \$5 million open to all communities with populations under 30, 000 people.

The challenge is one that defines the outcomes which a community aims to achieve by implementing its "Smart Cities proposal."

The application states: "In accordance with your governance structure, provide evidence of the commitment to your preliminary proposal from your community's leadership. This can be a letter of support with signatures from your mayors(s), chief(s) or equivalent or a council resolution, a band council resolution, etc." In order to address this requirement, Administration is seeking a Council resolution in support of the County's application to the Smart City Grant Challenge.

More information from the federal challenge is found at this Canada federal government website <http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/plan/cities-villes-eng.html>. The federal application guideline that is being followed is found here: <https://impact.canada.ca/en/challenges/smart-cities/applicant-guide>.

### **Communication Plan**

Media release/Social Media announcing Strathcona County's intent to apply on the Smart Cities Challenge.

### **Enclosure**

- 1 Strathcona County Smart Cities Challenge Grant Application
- 2 Federal Smart Cities Challenge Council Endorsement Presentation